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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Department of Interpersonal Communication will host the 30th Annual Big Sky Intercollegiate Speech Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 23-25.

About 200 persons, including students and coaches from some 30 colleges and universities in a six-state region, will be on the UM campus for the speech tournament. Registration for the three-day program will be from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday in the University Center Ballroom foyer.

States represented in the Big Sky speech meet include Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Montana.

Competitive events will be held at various locations on campus. Interested observers will find a schedule of events posted in the University Center mall.

Opening rounds begin at noon Friday and continue through 7 o'clock Friday night. On Saturday, events begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m. Presentation of awards will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The top four debate teams will compete in semi-finals and finals on Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively.

Local residents, UM faculty and townspeople will serve as judges during the speech tournament.

In conjunction with the "Big Sky" tourney, Gov. Thomas L. Judge proclaimed the week of April 18-25 as "Forensics Week in Montana" in recognition of speech programs throughout the state.